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Survey.*Officers attached to Survey Party No. II.*

174 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to publish a statement as to the number of Officers and their subordinates attached to the Survey Party No. II with their salaries and the work expected to be done by each Officer?

A.—Two Assistant Directors of Survey are attached to Survey Party No. II. One of them is now drawing a pay of Rs. 450 per mensem and the other a pay of Rs. 350 per mensem. Government have no information of the actual distribution of work between these two officers.

The forecast of work for this party for 1923–24 is given below as reported in the Administration report for 1922–23:—

- (1) Cadastral re-survey of 235 square miles in the Divi taluk, Kistna district;
- (2) Cadastral survey (Estates) of 63 square miles in Kannivadi zamindari, Dindigul taluk, Madura district, and of 7 square miles in Nachiyar koil, Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district.

Government have no information as to the number and salary of the subordinates attached to the party.

Tree-Tax.*Rate for taxation for coconut trees in the district of Trichinopoly.*

175 Q.—Diwan Bahadur S. Rm. M. Ct. PETHACHI CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of taxation for coconut trees in the district of Trichinopoly is higher than that now in force in the district of Tanjore; and

(b) why there should be such difference?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The difference in the rate is due to the fact that in Tanjore there has survived an older system of taxation under which the trees planted on assessed land were taxed instead of the land on which they grow. This system has disappeared in all other districts including Trichinopoly.

Village Regrouping.*'Vattams' in the South Arcot district.*

176 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Vattams reduced in South Arcot consequent on the regrouping of villages and the probable annual saving under this head; and

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(b) whether representations have been made to the Collector and the Board of Revenue protesting against the said regrouping of villages?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—“ Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE:—“ I will do so if the hon. Member wants it.”

APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 135 asked by Mr. G. Rameswara Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th February 1924, page 146 supra.]

G.O. No. 2964, Revenue, dated 3rd October 1912.

The Government approve the Board's recommendation and accordingly direct that the power to permit cultivation of tank-beds shall vest in District Collectors. Such cultivation will be subject to the conditions proposed by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 1 of its Reference No. 354, dated the 10th February 1908.

(True extract)

L. M. WYNCH,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Board's Reference No. 354, dated 10th February 1908.

The Board requests that Government may be pleased to delegate to Collectors the power now vested in the Board to permit the cultivation of tank-beds in unfavourable seasons, subject to the following conditions:—

(1) That in the case of tanks under the control of the Public Works Department the officers of that department are consulted in the first instance and their consent is obtained;

(2) that the cultivation is restricted to crops, such as melon, cucumber, etc., which do not entail any material disturbance of the surface of the tank-bed;

(3) that the cultivation is charged at the highest dry rate of the village;

(4) that the tank-bed is equally divided among all the applicants and not monopolized by a few influential persons; and

(5) that the ryots are held responsible for the complete removal of sticks, stems, leaves of plants, etc., before water enters the tanks.